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FRIENDS AT HOME WITH THE LORD

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13b.

At two o'clock this morning, October 6, our beloved brother and Boarding Department Superintendent, Herbert W. Hill, quietly slipped away. A detailed account will be given in the next issue of NEWSETTE. Our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Hill and family.

A friend of the William Jennings Bryan University since it was incorporated more than twenty years ago, and a trustee of the University for most of this time, Mrs. Carolyn May McCrory went home to be with the Lord on August 6. She had just returned to the family home near Brushvalley, Pennsylvania, after spending the last two years in Florida.

Dr. Rudd represented the University at the memorial service paying
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CONFERENCE PLANS COMPLETED

Plans have been completed for the annual Bible conference scheduled for October 22-29. The principal speakers will be Dr. Ralph Stoll, pastor of Calvary Independent Baptist Church, Altoona, Pennsylvania, and Dr. Robert L. Evans, Bible teacher and speaker from Alhambra, California.

Other speakers who will be here for the conference are Dr. James L. Fowle, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, and Dr. Alfred A. Cierpke, dean of the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chattanooga. Both of these servants of the Lord have been successful in their respective fields of service and are well-known in this area.



Dr. Stoll
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Chairman of University Board Receives Recognition



Dr. Rudd

Mr. Robinson

(Mr. F. E. Robinson, chairman of the board of trustees of Bryan University, was honored in a special chapel service at the Memorial Chapel September 22, in recognition of his 25 years of faithful service to the school.) Dr. Judson A. Rudd, president, in presenting Mr. Robinson with a fountain pen desk set said, "This is a token of appreciation for your fellowship in this work . . . We pray God's blessing upon you and trust you will have many more years in which to serve Him at Bryan."

Mr. Robinson was an early organizer of the original corporation of the William Jennings Bryan University association and has acted as chairman of the board of trustees since the founding of the school in

1925. He stood with the administration during the dark days of depression and discouragement, and has been generous with his financial gifts. Mr. Robinson is owner of the drug store where the Scopes evolution trial originated.

Dr. Herman Hoyt, dean and registrar of Grace Seminary at Winona Lake, Indiana, and trustee of Bryan, brought the morning message.

Other board members present and introduced by Dr. Rudd were Dr. A. M. Morgan, secretary of the board, Dayton, Tennessee; Harry C. Johnson, chairman of the executive committee, Athens, Tennessee; Dr. H. D. Long, chairman of the health committee, Chattanooga, Tennessee; O. H. Carnahan, chairman of the

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RECORD ENROLLMENT CROWDS DORMS

New Students Total 101

These pictures tell the story of the steady, substantial growth of the Bryan University student body and staff from the small group in 1930 to its present number of 260.

A quarter of a century has passed. Most of the throng that gathered to hear one of America's greatest statesmen defend "the impregnable Rock of Holy Scripture" are forgotten. But

MRS. VOS RECEIVES DEGREE

Mrs. Howard Vos, instructor in music, received her Master of Music degree in public school music from Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., August 5.

Mrs. Vos also holds the Bachelor of Arts degree in music and Bachelor of Music in Education degree from Wheaton College, Ill. Before coming to Bryan last year, she served for three years as director of music at the School of the Ozarks, Point Lookout, Missouri. Mrs. Vos is instructor in piano, director of the Dayton Community Band, and teacher of public school music and music theory classes at Bryan.

TRACK TEAM DRIVES AHEAD

To your marks! Set! Go! And the Bryan University track team is off to its second year of inter-collegiate activity.

Coach Howard F. Vos expresses high hopes for a good year in track this year. Twenty-three new men have joined the team to augment the fine group which remains from last year's team.

At the present time fourteen men compose the cross country team, a new feature in Bryan's track effort. They have one meet scheduled with the University of the South on November 18 and are hoping to schedule more in the near future. Several meets are on the agenda for the spring outdoor season, for which a year-round training program has been set up.

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scholarship committee, Syracuse, N. Y.; William L. Hardin, chairman of the nominations committee, Atlanta, Georgia; Mrs. E. B. Arnold, Dayton, Tennessee; W. E. Baker, chairman of the finance committee, Dayton, Tennessee; C. H. Dentler, DeLand, Florida; Mrs. J. S. Frazier, Dayton, Tennessee; and D. Lewis Llewellyn, New York City.

Following the chapel service the semi-annual meeting of the board was held at the home of Dr. Rudd.

today there stands on Bryan Hill a living memorial to this great Christian statesman, the William Jennings Bryan University.

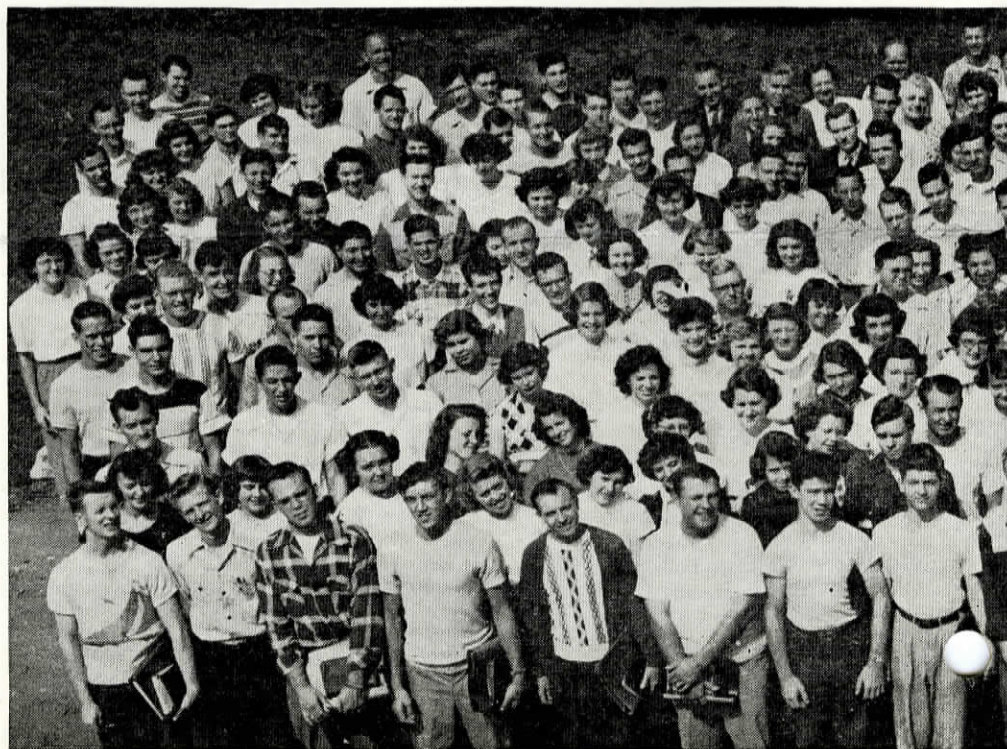
Surviving the years of struggle and hardship, the school is stronger than ever.

The present 82-acre site was purchased soon after Mr. Bryan's home-going. The foundation and first floor of the main building were placed, the structure to be three stories high and 440 feet in length. Work was progressing successfully when the great depression of 1929 interfered. Pledges amounting to large sums had to be cancelled owing to the financial inability of those who made them, and the institution was left with a splendid campus and an immense but unusable foundation structure. For a time it seemed quite likely that the entire project might have to be abandoned.

In spite of this discouraging outlook, the trustees decided that the University should open its doors for students. Classes began on September 18, 1930, the opening session being held in the very room of the Rhea County courthouse where the



great Commoner had stood so stoutly and victoriously in defense of the Scriptures. For its first five years, until the fall of 1935, the school occupied the abandoned Rhea County high school building made available by the educational authorities. So it came about that the first recitation of the Bible class occurred in the very room where Scopes formerly taught evolution; and his





laboratory desk is now in use in the science department of the University.

Since 1935, when the school was finally moved to Bryan Hill, the entire ground floor and half of the main floor of the uncompleted main building have been provided with about 30,000 square feet of finished floor space suitable for present classes and other activities. Completion of

the memorial building now is the No. 1 goal of the school. The newly enclosed north end section will be used this fall, increasing usable floor space 30 per cent. Workmen are now engaged in building the third floor of the north end.

Enrollment has more than doubled during the last few years. Applications from earnest would-be students are coming in beyond the present classroom and dormitory capacity. The building must be completed in order to provide for the needs of the hundreds of students who increasingly feel the pull to Bryan University.

Behind the success of Bryan University is the band of faithful men and women of God whose dogged faith through the years has triumphed. Led by Dr. Judson A. Rudd, president, the faithful, self-denying band has prayed its way to see Bryan University steadily overcome seemingly insurmountable difficulties and take an honored place in the educational world.

Pray—

- that one of our music teachers, Mrs. Margaret McGowan, might be restored to health, if it is the Lord's will.
- for the Bryan fellows who are being called into service—that the Lord might use them as witnesses while they defend the cause of righteousness.

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tribute to Mrs. McCrory and her great love for Christ and the Sacred Scriptures, and expressing appreciation for her manifest interest in the training of young people for Christian service. Mrs. McCrory was a real Bible student and gave generously to missions and to definite Christian education.

A friend and trustee of the University, originally from Pennsylvania, Dr. Homer Hart Rhule, went to be with the Lord on August 17, from the family home in Greenville, South Carolina. A minister of the Gospel for fifty years, Dr. Rhule had been deeply interested in the William Jennings Bryan University ever since his pastorate of the Presbyterian Church in Salem, Illinois, which William Jennings Bryan first joined as a boy, shortly after his conversion.

Dr. Rhule had hoped to live to see the completion of the Memorial building. He not only gave liberally of his own means, but solicited many gifts from others to help in the Christian training of young people at Bryan University. When failing health prevented attendance at meetings of the board, Dr. Rhule continued his active participation in the affairs of the University by means of correspondence.

Another friend of the University and the beloved Bible teacher of thousands of the friends of the University, Dr. William L. Pettingill, went to be with the Lord on September 14, from New York City, where he has recently been serving as pastor of the First Baptist Church. A firm believer in the imminent return of Christ, Dr. Pettingill used the words, "Keep Looking Up" as the complimentary closing of his letters. It was only recently that he told someone that he began to think maybe the Lord was going to take him home through the "subway."

A nationally known Bible teacher, Dr. Pettingill was best known as a consulting editor of The Scofield Reference Bible and as the author of "Bible Questions and Answers," published in book form and as syndicated articles appearing in many newspapers. He was one of the first speakers used for the annual Bible conferences sponsored by the University. A memorial service is being planned for one of the services in the twentieth annual conference to be held here October 22-29, 1950.



From My Heart to You

Can you imagine how you would feel if you were in my place and received the following letter:

Dear Friends:

I thought I would write a few lines and wish you Godspeed and God's blessing on you that work in His vineyard. I am old and poor and broken in body, so cannot do much but pray to our Father in Heaven that He send able-bodied men and women to be laborers in His service.

We received a real spiritual uplift when Mr. and Mrs. Joel Kettenring [student representatives of the University] were here and gave their testimony in song. And we were glad to have Billy Roller home again this summer. I hope these young people won't have to go into that bloody conflict that takes its toll amongst our young people. So many forget God during wars when we ought to call upon the Lord and do His will instead of men's.

I was born in the south part of Sweden. I came over here to this great wonderful free country when a child. I have not heard or spoken in my native tongue in 35 years, but have been able to help out a little in translating Scandinavian letters for some of the churches that sent clothing over. I spent 7½ months in T.B. Sanatorium, 4 months in a tent, 4 months in a hospital one time and 4 months another time; 2 months one time and 6 weeks another time and 2 years at home with dropsy and heart trouble. I was considered a hopeless case at the 4 sanitariums I was at, but the Lord had work for me in His vineyard and so touched my body that I can serve Him in a small way.

I praise and thank Him for His goodness and mercy. Only a sinner saved by grace. I live all alone in a small rented house that is not modern in any way; no electricity nor gas. I have to carry my water a block and get my mail in another direction a block away or more, but I can braid rag rugs and that is how I earned the dollar I enclose. It is so little, but the Lord can multiply and bless it.

One of the least,
H. C.

In every way possible by Gospel teams and other student representatives, letters, and literature, including the NEWSETTE, we are seeking to tell our friends the worth of eternal investments here at Bryan University; but in this letter, one of these friends is telling what it costs to make such investments in our students. I am glad for every letter which helps me to understand and appreciate just what Bryan University costs our friends in the way of sacrificial frugality. Such knowledge is good for the students and staff members. Such knowledge helps me to better show our appreciation.

In every exchange of values there should be such comparison of costs and returns. Many of those who support the University have had first hand contact with student products of Bryan like Mr. Roller, and Mr. and Mrs. Kettenring, and as a result have decided to make sacrificial investments in the ministry here.

God will continue to bless our school so long as more and more of His people come in contact with such consecrated Christian young people who are products of Bryan. Many of you can help financially without sacrifice; but even if you have no conceivable way to earn a dollar for Bryan, you can help by praying.

"For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward." Mark 9:41.

Earnestly yours in Him,

Judson A. Rudd

President

Bible Conference

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All sessions will be held in the Memorial Chapel on Bryan Hill with exception of the two Sunday services, October 22 and 29, which will meet at 7:30 in downtown churches.

There will be two morning meetings each day beginning at 8:00 and 9:45. Evening sessions will start at 7:15. Two afternoon meetings will also be held at 3:30 each Sunday.

Pray—

- for the deficit in the operating fund which has not been met.
- that the students might quickly adjust to their studies and have time to give to their practical Christian training in the C.S.A. and other outlets.

Christ Above All

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\$ 2,344.72

PLANT FUND:

Designated Gifts \$482.70
M.S.M. 203.84

\$ 686.54

TOTAL GIFTS

FOR AUGUST.....\$ 3,031.26

GRAND TOTAL FOR

FISCAL YEAR.....\$17,592.60

MRS. FISH RESIGNS POSITION

The resignation of Mrs. Lloyd E. Fish, assistant in the stewardship department of Bryan University, as of September 1, has been announced by Dr. Judson A. Rudd, president.

Known to nearly all of Bryan's alumni and friends, her career has been marked by faithfulness and sacrifice. For many years Mrs. Fish served as office secretary and worked closely with the president. After graduating from Bryan in 1935, she was married, but continued to serve on the office staff.

Prof. and Mrs. Fish were among the few who stood by the school in the difficult years when many thought Bryan would not survive.

With the accelerated growth of Bryan University came the need for reorganization of the administrative staff. When this was accomplished last January, Mrs. Fish was assigned to the newly created stewardship department, where she continued to maintain her chief responsibility of contact with friends and donors of the university.

A native of Chattanooga, the former Mary Lois Hodges was an honor student at Bryan. It was her alertness and initiative which led to her employment by the university. Possessed with a remarkable memory and penchant for accuracy, Mrs. Fish soon gained an important place on the staff.

Dr. Rudd says, "Mrs. Fish served tirelessly in relieving me of detailed responsibilities. It is most unusual for a person with such a well-filled memory to also be so quick and accurate in the keeping of detailed records."

In addition to the heavy load that Mrs. Fish has borne through the years in the office, she has been an active worker in the First Baptist Church, a gracious hostess and a homemaker.